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ALTHOUGH SUDANESE MEDIA WAS PRE-OCCUPIED WITH KHARTOUM TRIPARTITE SUMMIT, THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE COVERAGE OF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AFRICA AFFAIRS SEELYE'S TRIP TO SUDAN. AL-AYAM ARABIC DAILY CONTINUED ITS EDITORIALS ON VANCE'S M.E. TRIP. FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS;

AL-AYAM'S FEB. 22 SAID, "IT WAS NOTED THAT SECRETARY VANCE'S TRIP CAME, IN CONTRAST TO KISSINGER'S TRIPS, WITHOUT LOUDNESS WHICH INDICATES ONE OF TWO THINGS: EITHER VANCE HAS REACHED A NEAR-AGREEMENT OR VIEWS ON PALESTINIAN RIGHTS ARE STILL FAR APART." NEWSPAPER CONCLUDED, "THE SITUATION WILL CONTINUE LIKE THIS UNTIL END OF MARCH, THE ORIGINAL DATE FOR THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, WITH A PROBABLILTY OF A CHANGE RESULTING FROM THE UPCOMING TRI-SUMMIT AND THE AFRO-ARAB CONFERENCE."

AL-AYAM FEB. 25 COMMENTED, "ISRAEL MAKES A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT DIFFICULT BY SUPPORTING STEP-BY-STEP NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH THE NEW U.S. ADMINISTRATION HAS TOTALLY REJECTED. CARTER ADMINISTRATION WANTS A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT, WHILE ISRAEL ONLY WANTS PARTIAL SOLUTIONS THAT ENABLE IT TO BARGAIN WITH THE ARABS." AL-AYAM ADDED, "VANCE'S UPCOMING NEGOTIATIONS IN MOSCOW FACE DIFFICULTIES, BECAUSE THE COLD WAR BETWEEN
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THE TWO COUNTRIES HAS ONCE AGAIN HEATED UP, THUS REDUCING MUTUAL TRUST AND GOOD WILL BETWEEN THEM."
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